

Salient Issues
for Regional Administrator and Deputy Regional Administrator
Water Division
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***Water Division to Provide Consultation to Tribes** – The Seneca Nation of Indians have accepted EPA’s recent offer for coordination and consultation on EPA’s upcoming action on Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection’s (PADEP) 303(d) list of impaired waters requiring development of a Total Maximum Daily Loads(TMDL). WD and Office of Communities, Tribes and Environmental Justice have scheduled a conference call with tribal staff on March 21, 2022 to discuss any tribal concerns and encourage submission of comments to EPA. Submission of PADEP’s final 2022 303(d) list for EPA action is expected as early as April 2022 and EPA intends to complete tribal consultation prior to EPA’s action, which must be taken within 30 days of PADEP’s submittal. Additionally, the Nansemond, Upper Mattaponi, and Rappahannock Tribes would like to consult on Virginia Water Quality Standards Rulemaking and how the rulemaking may affect water quality within their tribal lands. EPA will organize meetings for late March to consult with tribal leadership on these topics. **(Jillian Adair, 215-814-5713; Juan Vicenty Gonzalez, 215-814-2952)**

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